

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 26, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A regular session of the Senior Services Advisory Commission was convened and called to order by Chair Jim Judge at 3:30 PM on Monday, April 26, 2010, in the Conference Room of the Fountain Hills Community Center at 13001 N. La Montana, Fountain Hills, AZ.

Chair Judge, Vice-Chair Patterson-Whitehead and Commissioners Cisak, Mallek, Florence and Whittaker represented the Senior Services Advisory Commission. Deputy Town Manager Julie Ghatti, Community Center Director Samantha Coffman, Senior Services Supervisor Kelley Fonville, HDM Coordinator Teri Larson and Sherry Bowland represented staff. Councilmember Dennis Contino represented the Town Council.

ITEM # 1 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms Coffman announced that as a result of a reorganization of Town staff, she has been laid off and will work through Thursday, April 29th. The Community Center and Senior Activity Center will now be included in the Community Services Department under Director Mark Mayer. Mr. Florence asked if the Town Council has reviewed this decision and expressed his concern about this Commission not being informed about these changes ahead of time. Ms Patterson-Whitehead asked Mr. Judge to confer with the Town Council on whether they wished this Commission to continue to meet. Mr. Judge replied that he would like to meet with the Town Manager one-on-one as well as with the Council and work on a mission statement. Ms. Patterson-Whitehead made a motion to have Mr. Judge and Mr. Whittaker draft a letter to the Town Council asking for a meeting after the budget process is complete. The motion was seconded by Mr. Florence and passed unanimously.

ITEM #2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING

Mr. Whittaker made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mallek and approved unanimously.

ITEM #3 UPDATE ON PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed budget still stands at \$25 annual Senior Activity Center membership and \$8.50 per meal for HDM meals. Ms Patterson-Whitehead asked Ms Larson to estimate a realistic figure which would represent the amount needed to cover the deficit for the meals of those truly in need through the end of June, 2011. Money from outside sources could be raised/donated to Senior Services Inc. and used specifically for these meals. Ms. Fonville and Ms Larson will work on criteria for determining those in need by considering established guidelines already in place elsewhere. Ms Patterson-Whitehead volunteered to approach other Boards to solicit donations for this cause. Mr. Cisak is going to work with Mr. Judge on obtaining bids for the different dietary categories of HDM meals from other sources.

ITEM # 4 REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER LIAISON

Mr. Whittaker reported that the Community Center Advisory Committee is not scheduled to meet until tomorrow so there is no report yet.

ITEM # 5 REPORT ON HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Ms Larson reported that to continue to receive Area Agency support, HDM volunteers must comply with a new law requiring background checks, fingerprinting and submitting information to a central registry. All requirements must be implemented by the end of June and May 11th is the day set aside for fingerprinting. Ms Larson has to call the HDM volunteers about this and there is a lot of resistance to these new requirements. So far approximately one-third of the volunteers have dropped out of the program. Ms Larson asked for volunteers for their substitute list who would willingly agree to be fingerprinted. Ms. Patterson-Whitehead volunteered all the SSAC Commissioners. Ms Fonville reminded everyone to read the weekly updates. She has been working with the Community Center staff to schedule back-to-back programs requiring similar set-ups. She also reported on meeting with TJ's Travel Club to explore partnering with them for future senior trips.

ITEM # 6 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mallek made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Cisak. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Dated this 3rd Day of May, 2010

Senior Services Advisory Commission

BY: _____
Jim Judge, Chair

Reviewed By: _____
Samantha Coffman, Director
Community Center/Senior Services

Reviewed By: _____
Kelley Fonville, Senior Services Supervisor
Senior Services

PREPARED BY: _____
Sherry Bowland/Recording Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Session held by the Senior Services Advisory Commission of Fountain Hills on the 6th day of April, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd Day of May, 2010

Sherry Bowland/Recording Secretary